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## THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

## ORGANIZE.

ONE of the best editorial pages written in the English language is that of the Saturday Evening Post, a publication devoted largely to amusing a couple of million readers each week, but which performs notable service in exposing frauds and puncturing shams with a dash which takes an impress upon the most careless mind. A great deal of the strength of that editorial page is due to the fact that the man who presides over it is one of the sanest writers and thinkers in America and the additional circumstance that he can afford to, and does, have most of the matter which he prints written by authorities upon the subjects treated.

In the issue of this week some space is devoted to the condition of the mining industry in Great Britain. The article in full is as follows:

It is not improbable that England will go on to government ownership of the country's coal mines. There have been comprehensive hearings there is a vigorous agitation; in view of the present drift over there, nationalization, or government ownership, looks not improbable.

The gist of it is that before the war at least miners were poorly paid—twenty-five shillings a week was the adult average, the secretary of the Miners' Federation says; four hundred and ten dollars a year, says another report. As a rule they were very badly housed.

Certainly that was a bad situation. But the evidence seems to show that the big trouble with the British coal industry was merely bad organization. It shows several thousand individual mine owners normally or often engaged in what the chief inspector of mines—a liberal-minded person, too—calls cut-throat competition in selling coal. Lack of effectual coordination or consolidation, in his judgment, prevents enhanced production and diminished cost of production and entails waste.

In government ownership—with the great political power of organized labor in England—the miners see a short cut to better wages, with the deficit charged up to the National Treasury. Thorough and efficient reorganization of the industry under private ownership and management would give as good wages with no deficit.

Taking them as a whole, American miners are well paid and they are comfortably housed, measured by the English standard, so that part of the article has little bearing upon the situation here. But what the writer has to say about the evils of cut throat competition and the drawback of a lack of cooperation applies in this country with quite as much force as it does over there.

If American mine owners do not want to go through the experience through which the British mine owners are now going they will strengthen their regional, state and national organizations to the point where they dominate the industry, and then they will employ experts to study all the technical problems. And when we say technical problems we mean the question of what percentage of the price received for coal should go to mine labor, and the way in which labor should be treated to keep it comfortable and contented, as much as what systems of ventilation are the best and what are the most effective marketing methods.

The whole thing is one problem. There is not now

enough mine labor. The present prospect is that there will not be enough for years to come. And yet the production of coal must be increased. Next year it will have to be increased even more than it was during the early months of the wonderful year of 1918. Every one knows that this would be impossible under the system common here before the war in which there was cut throat competition between operations on the same spur track and between different regions.

There must be much more study of the coal situation on a national basis, a reduction in cross hauling, better distribution of information about market conditions, more frankness and a higher level of intelligence in mine management if this country is to be preserved from the danger of nationalization. But before we can have any of these things there must be a more general appreciation of the value of the operators' organizations.

## EDUCATION.

CONNECTICUT is a great and simple lesson by example to every state and community in the acquiring of wealth. It is one of the smallest states. It is not rich in natural resources as compared to other states. Yet Connecticut in acquired produced wealth is among the first. It heads all states in 11 important manufactured items used the world over. Connecticut is not only the birth-bed, but the cradle of the world's manufacturing methods as we understand them today—interchangeability of parts and the application of steam and water power in a large way. High in the history of Connecticut's contribution to the world's most useful inventions are the names of Whitney, Howe, Colt and Goodyear.

The basic reason for Connecticut's great industrial wealth, and from which all other states may easily take example, is this: From the earliest colonial history Connecticut saw public education as an investment. From its very beginning it provided free primary education, and higher education by the founding of Yale University in 1701. In 1786 the state of Connecticut acquired a tract of land in northern Ohio known as the Western Reserve, in which Cleveland is located; it sold this some years later and invested the money in public education.

It has ever since pursued public education to a point of almost public extravagance. Even today Connecticut children spend more days of the year in school than those in any other state in the Union—about 187 days in a school term as compared with a general average of 134 days the country over.

In Hartford, the principal city of Connecticut, are many model manufacturing plants and other public and semi-public institutions of the highest order. It had well paved streets, ample park systems and all the devices of a well ordered municipality when other municipalities were just beginning to think about them. And last of all it had the wealth and the willingness to pay for them.

This city of Hartford, together with the state of Connecticut at large, in what has been accomplished in the face of natural difficulties, is an example in the development of its people, that public education is the best investment, an investment in men and women. It is an example that every dollar we are required to pay in taxes for school purposes will return to us many fold in wealth and general good order.

General Pershing had a great day of it in London yesterday, making speeches, pinning decorations upon British generals and attending receptions tendered by the beauty and the chivalry of the mighty empire. If Pershing does go in for politics after he gets back here he will have most of his stay at home opponents at a disadvantage in the matter of poise and aplomb. However that is no sign that he would get the most votes. The American people never took very strongly to public men who were too sure of themselves.

Judging by what little the senators who have been to see Mr. Wilson have said after their calls at the White house, there are some things about the Shantung affair which have not yet been given to the public. It is possible that the Japs did not gain all they are popularly believed to have gained. The secrecy that is being maintained with respect to this will enrage Senator Johnson, of course, but it will be well for the rest of the country to remember that they have politics and politicians in Japan too, and that some of the politicians know how to play the game with a skill that would win great admiration in this country.

There are four avowed candidates for the Democratic nominations for city director, but the convention which will be held this evening will be under no obligation to confine its choice to those four. The door of opportunity swings wide open and the chances are that there will be quite a large number of men put in nomination for the suffrage of the delegates to the convention.

In nominated both March and Pershing to be full generals and Benson and Sims to be admirals President Wilson seems to be bent upon letting the factions in army and navy fight out their own wars of precedence and recognition for the work done. Perhaps that is the better way. The Spanish war left us in the navy a most demoralizing controversy which had its roots in the mutual jealousies of naval cliques, and it is to be hoped that we will be spared having the departments involved in such affairs this time.

It is most unfortunate that at a time when the nation is on the edge of a timber famine that such great forest conflagrations as the one raging in Montana and Idaho should have been permitted to get a start. Billions of dollars worth of timber has been destroyed in this country through the crass carelessness of men who go into the woods. Every forest fire is a crime against posterity, and some time this will be recognized to the point where those responsible for starting fires will be severely punished.

## RUFF STUFF

That Devany candidacy must mean that the tin horns are trying to scare us out of a promise out of Tusca.

It is indeed gratifying to know that even Col. Devany's calibre are willing to make the sacrifice.

But what is the sacrifice?

Who is the candidate of the Pick-nick-makers guild?

They certainly need protection as much as the tin horns.

But maybe in due time Mr. Charlie will see that they get it in return for their definite promises of political support next year.

When there is going to be real need

In the meantime keep your eye on the Democratic convention tonight and see what the current quotation on Old Political Gladiators and Wheel Horses is.

That dispatch from Berlin about old Bill Hohenzollern's "deep melancholy" is decidedly interesting.

Only in this country we call it remorse.

Head in the papers this morning said that a pickling factory in Kentucky had burned.

Had to read the whole tale to be sure that one of the justly celebrated distilleries had not been devoured by the Fire King.

One hundred and seventy-two men are entitled to seats in tonight's convention, but about three guys will make the nominations.

But such is life in these turbulent days.

If the dear pee-pul do not like it they can move to Russia where they can cut loose, politically speaking.

Providing, of course, they do not mind getting shot if they happen to run afoul of the big bosses.

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## TRUTHS AND TRAVESTIES

By th' Bard.

Tenshuni!

A single square of concrete in the pavement of Main street may not in itself be such an important thing, but here is what happened on one yesterday in five minutes:

Harold Kline and Sidney Wright stopped and argued who was to pay for the Little Bobbie that was to be purchased at the Mountain City.

Mayor Bowen stood there for some time asking every one who came along to be his guest at the Dixie to see the Prismatic pictures. The admission was free.

Harve Lanham stopped to converse with a friend who addressed him as "cabin boy."

A small boy stopped to investigate the identity of a piece of chewing gum that had been trampled on.

Walter Barnes stopped to express sympathy for the Bard because of an ailment with which he is at present suffering.

Judge Lowe trod majestically over the spot without observing anything remarkable about it.

"I told him I could not be mistaken for I saw her myself," said one woman to another as they passed.

Homer Toothman matched a nickle with Tusca Morris to see who would pay for a lemon coke.

Parade Rest!

Here is something that might have happened in Marion county: From The Cherokee (Iowa) Democrat: "At the old Crooks corner three cases of beer were seized, which will be tried in Justice Green's court in the near future."

All Hands On Deck!

Here's a good one that Adam Lane told me the other day on Walter Haggerty:

It seems That the Haggerty's Had a cat Which they called Violet. Although they were Never sure that She was that kind of A cat.

But at any rate One day last week Violet died. After the crepe had Been hung on The door.

The family held a Conference and the Subject was "What shall we do with Violet?" Walter wanted to bury her in the back yard.

But this was vetoed because The sight of the little grave Would bring back Memories.

So it was finally decided That Walter pack Violet's Remains in a shoe box And carefully drop her Off South Side bridge.

On his way to work The next morning, with a Neat looking bundle under His arm our popular Prosecuted Attorney

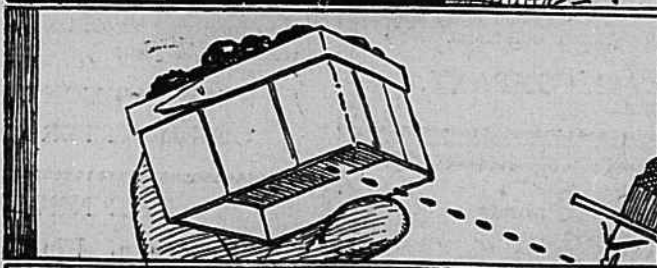
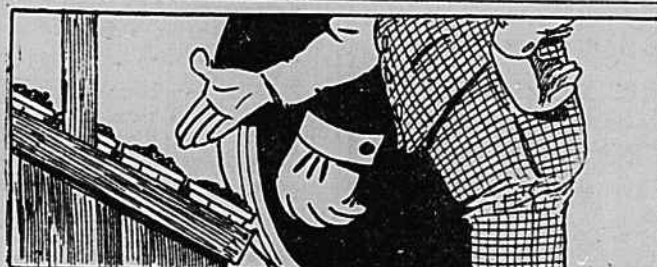
Was to be seen issuing Forth from his domicile. But unfortunately just As he reached the bridge Smith Hood overtook him And walked on over town With him. Of course he Could not discard the carcass Of Violet with the curious Eyes of a bank president Boring into him.

So he carried Violet on to the office And planned to throw her Overboard on his way back home. But that night Joe Lehman Insisted on accompanying him So when Walter arrived home He still had a bundle under His arm.

He decided that memories or No memories Violet would go Under the new Arbor in the back yard. So he unwrapped the package And there reposed

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(BY CONDO)



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## Traction Company And Workers Agree

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Return to Quarters!

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